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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official action dated April 26, 2006 ("Office Action"), the following amendment and remarks are submitted in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Amendment to the specification is provided on page 2 of this paper. Amendment to the claims is provided in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 3 of this paper. The remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

This amendment is being submitted after the three months statutory period to respond but within four (4) months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Thus, a petition to extend the time to respond by one (1) month up to and including August 26, 2006 is enclosed.